We took your advice, Kumakawa-san.
And we're going to follow the stalker lead.
We'll have to start by asking around to see if we can find a witness.
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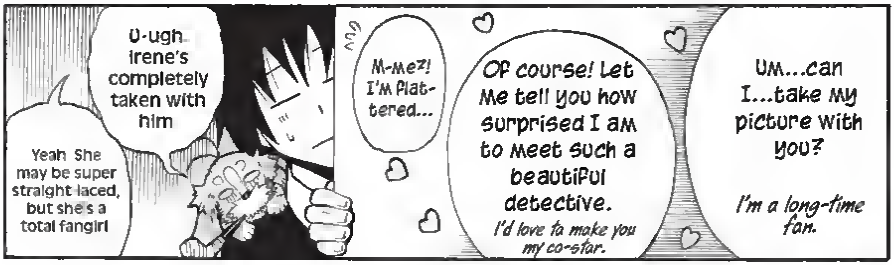
Case 2 ⚜ A Script for Death, Part 5
SHERLOCK BONES

Uh...um... Kumakawa-san, can I ask you a favor?
I...I will!
Of course!
Yes, anything.
B-DMP
SQUEEZE
I hope you arrest the monster that did this to Risa-chan!
All right, Detective Wajima.


U-ugh irene's completely taken with him
Yeah. She may be super straight-laced, but she's a total fangirl
M-me?! I'm flattered...
Of course! Let me tell you how surprised I am to meet such a beautiful detective.
I'd love to make you my co-star.
Um...can I...take my picture with you?
I'm a long-time fan.

...
What is she doing?
...
Say cheese!
CLICK
Huh?
AHEM.
Yes, ma'am!
Now, Detective Onda. Use my phone... please.

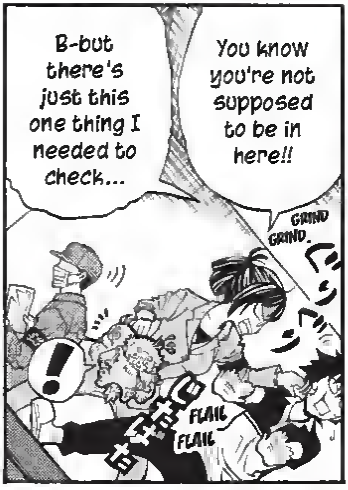
Let me switch it to save on the memory card.
...
!
CLICK
CLICK
Not enough memory Delete photo?
What? Here...
Your phone's memory is full.
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
OH WELL I'LL JUST USE THIS...
And... there
OH! OH NO...
Memory card...
That reminds me...
If that's true...
...!
You see, Watson...
What's up, Sherdog?
WHISPER

Quite so!
But if we can...
I'd like something more definitive!
...then it might still be possible...
...to establish a motive!
I wouldn't want anything to happen to you on the way. I'll escort you.
Th-thank you!
Score! ...I mean...
I'm going to go down to the set and run through tomorrow's scenes.
Here's my email address. If anything happens...
Well, I don't think I'll be getting any sleep tonight.
I was...!!
GASP
Before it happened, I...
...
Remember the scene of the crime!
Ugh, sis. Don't you realize he's the killer...?

Come With Me, Watson!!
BAM
Hey! Sherdog?!
That's it!! Perhaps it's still...
KACHAK
TUG
Just turn it slowly, and...
CATCH!
Good! I got the handle!
A wet towel.. I can use that...
GLANCE
GLANCE
Yes... I was in the bathroom...
Grr! I have to get out of here!
Then...

I'm sorry!!
DASH
Ah! Hey!!
...on the table.
I saw it...
Hikaru Akaboshi:
The Chivalrous Detective
TWITCH
!
Sherdog! What's gotten into you?!
PONG
TEP
TEP
TEP

This was here when...!!
This!


B-but there's just this one thing I needed to check...
You know you're not supposed to be in here!!
GRIND GRIND
FLAIL FLAIL

YOINK
Takeru!

DON'T RUN AROUND THE TABLE!
OH, NO, SHER-DOG!
...!

Airin-nēchan!
Risa-chan's script!!
Did it have a hand print on it?!
BAM

ARF!!
ARF!!

A cocoa-covered hand print.
And, sure enough, right there.
She was attacked while she was reading over her last scene.
...Yes. She was supposed to be filming tomorrow morning.
FLIP
FLIP
The script was open to that scene...
IT'S JUST LIKE SHERDOG SAID.
THAT HAND PRINT!
ARF!!
ARF
IT'S NOT ALL THERE...
IT GETS CUT OFF!!

HEH HEH...
EVERYTHING IS GOING SWIMMINGLY, THANKS TO THAT FANGIRL DETECTIVE, WAJIMA.
KACHAK
ガチャ
ALTHOUGH HER BROTHER WAS GETTING A LITTLE TOO NOSY FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
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D... DOESN'T HE EVER GIVE UP...?
I just had one more thing to ask you...
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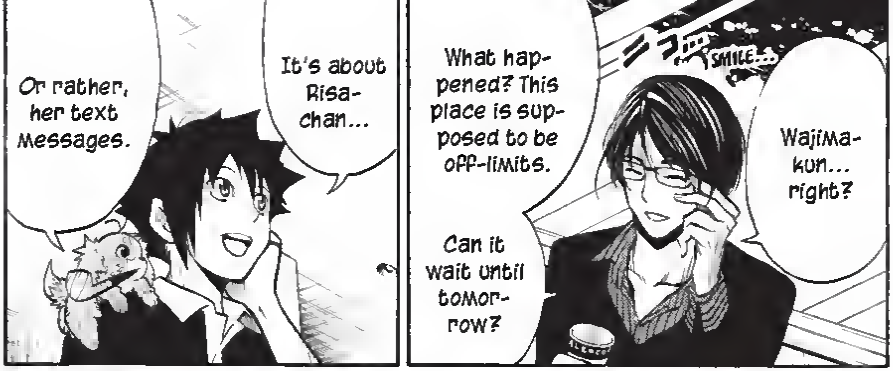
Hello!!


Wajima-kun... right?
SMILE...
What happened? This place is supposed to be off-limits.
Can it wait until tomorrow?
It's about Risa-chan...
Or rather, her text messages.

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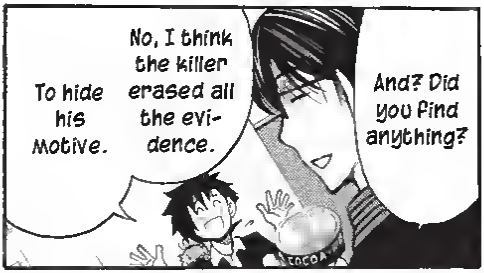
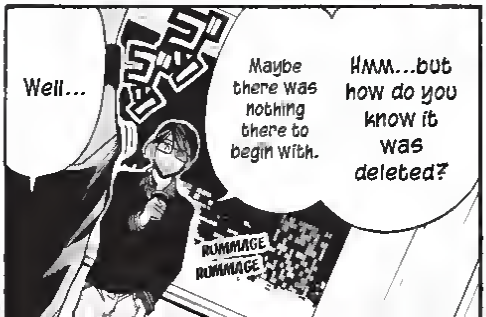
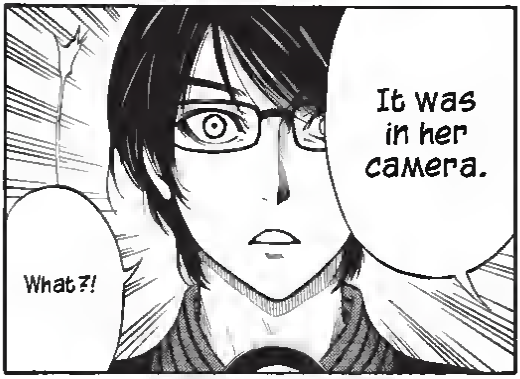
...What about them?
Actually...
...When I first saw the murder scene...


And? Did you find anything?
No, I think the killer erased all the evidence.
To hide his motive.

...I sneaked a peek at Risa-chan's text messages.
I thought maybe if I looked at her phone, I could find out the killer's motive.
Wow. You're a detective's little brother, all right.


Hmm...but how do you know it was deleted?
Maybe there was nothing there to begin with.
Well...
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

...If we check out this micro SD memory card.
Maybe we can figure that out...


What?!
It was in her camera.

...I mean, that's what I heard from the police.
...Huh? She didn't have one of those in her phone.
It's not from her phone.

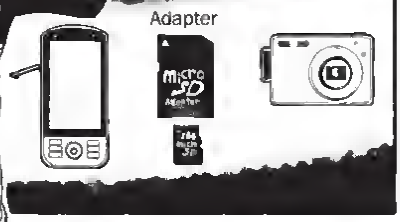
The memory on her phone would fill up in no time!
It doesn't make any sense that her phone would not have a memory card...y'know?
RISA-RISA BLOG
I mean, Risa-chan is a celebrity, and she uploads tons of pictures to her blog.
I thought there was something weird about it.

I bet Risa-chan was trying to take pictures with her camera,

And then she realized she forgot to put a card in it.

So she took the memory card out of her phone,

Put it in an adapter, and used it for the camera.



I used my phone to see what was on the card, and it looks like she has back-ups of her texts!

Text history recorded on both the phone and the card.

If we give this to the police to investigate,

It shouldn't take them long to figure out which texts on the memory card were deleted from the phone!

Certain texts were erased from the phone.

All texts remain on the card.

And of course, those texts would have something pointing to a motive.

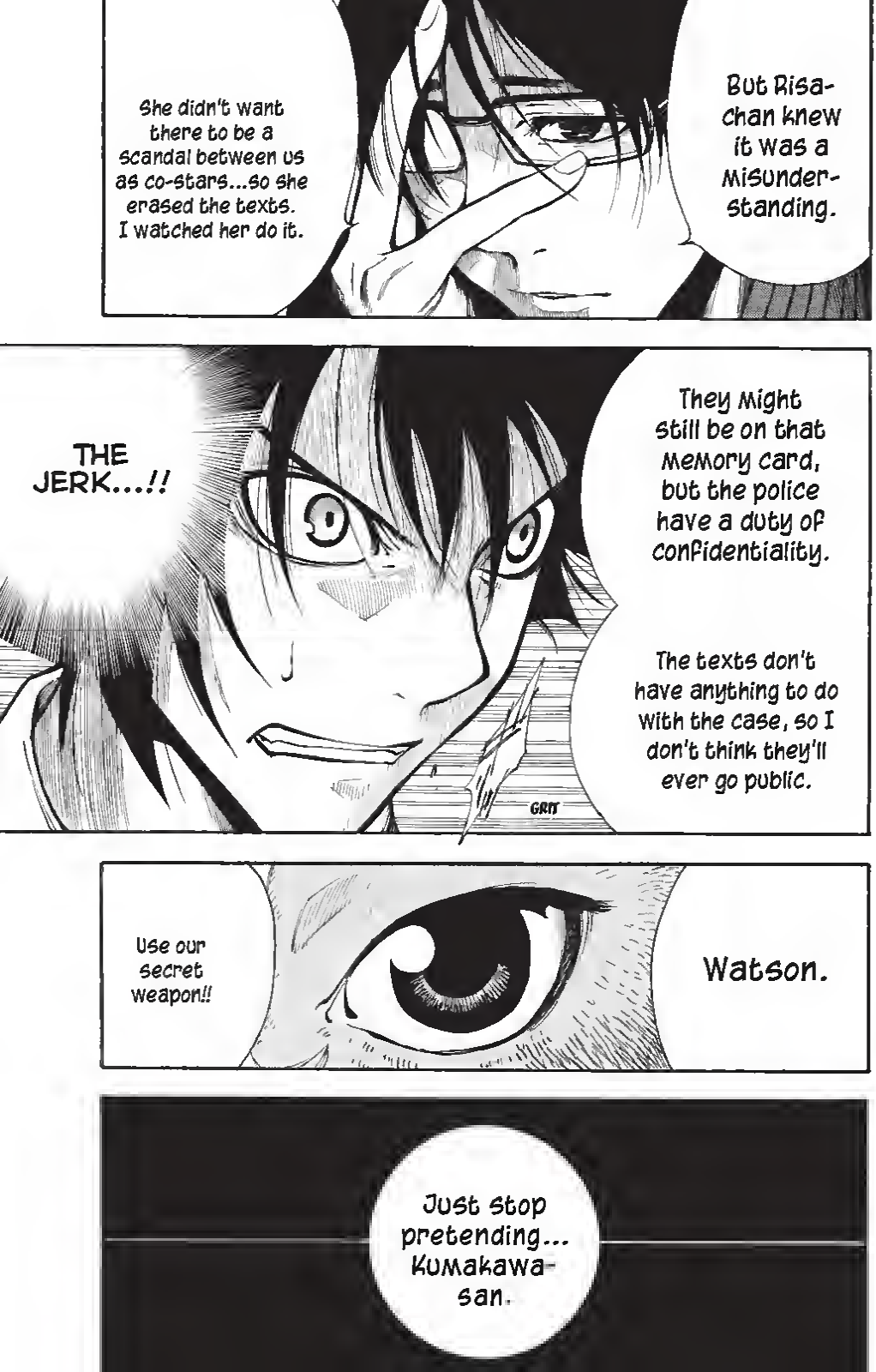
I'm sure the police will agree!

WHY YOU LITTLE...!!

GRIT...

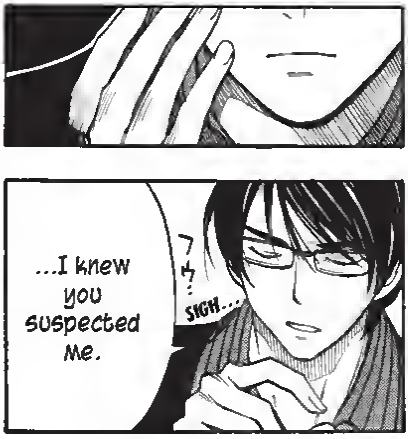
PSST
SHERDOG. DO YOU THINK HE'S GOING TO CONFESS?
No... He has something else in Mind...
GRR...
Risa-chan told Me all about it.
She was best friends with My ex-girlfriend. ...They... texted about Me a lot.
I'll tell you the truth.
Huh?!
CREAK
So...have you given it to the police yet?
Not yet... But...
Okay.

HE HAD AN EXCUSE PREPARED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
HE KNEW THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY PSYCHOLOGICAL TRICKS HE USED TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE PHONE,
HE COULDN'T COMPLETELY ERASE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WOULD RESTORE AND READ THE DELETED TEXTS.
My ex... was always jumping to conclusions. She decided I had abandoned her.
In the end... she killed herself.


She didn't want there to be a scandal between us as co-stars...so she erased the texts. I watched her do it.
But Risa-chan knew it was a misunder-standing.
THE JERK...!!
They might still be on that memory card, but the police have a duty of confidentiality.
The texts don't have anything to do with the case, so I don't think they'll ever go public.
GRIT
Use our secret weapon!!
Watson.
Just stop pretending... Kumakawa-san.

You didn't want Risa-chan to expose your scandal—she knew you drove Ami Takahara to suicide.
And she was going to tell the world. So you killed her!!

...No!
BAM
It's not what you think! I wouldn't kill a woman over that!
Don't tell me you'd actually accuse me of murder just because I fold paper the same way as a stalker.


...I knew you suspected me.
SIGH...

This hand-print on Risa-chan's script!!
I have more solid proof.
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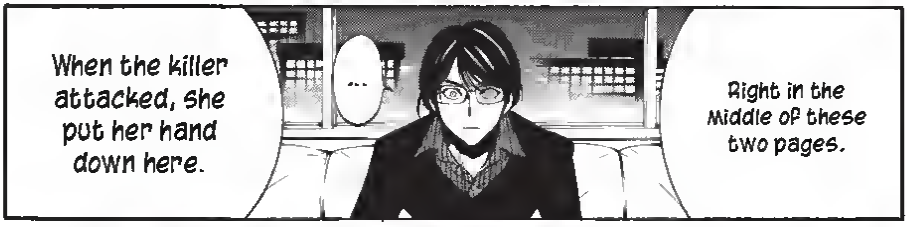
When the killer attacked, she put her hand down here.
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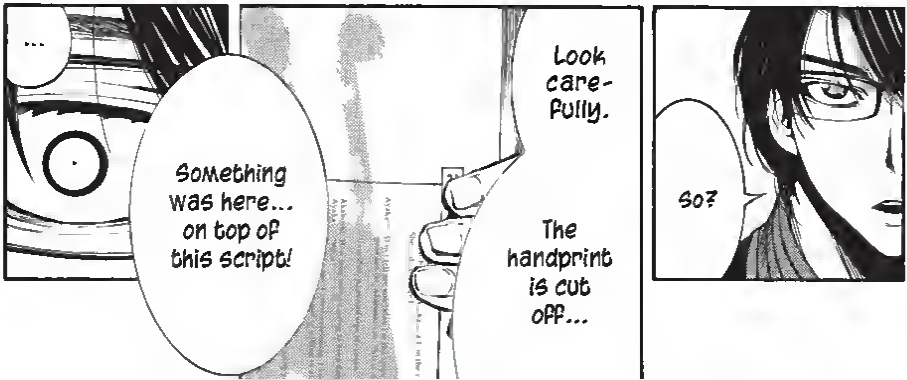
Right in the middle of these two pages.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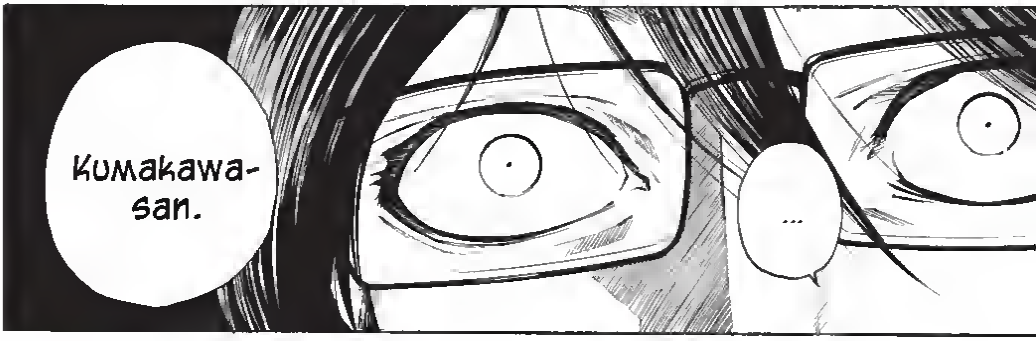
Something was here... on top of this script!
Look carefully.
The handprint is cut off...
So?

When Risa-chan's hand slammed down on top of it...
...It left a print on her script
And on whatever was on top of it.
Just like if you put a stamp over two pieces of paper.
WAJIMA TAKERU
輪島 巧


Kumakawa-san.
...

...Your script?
Will you let me see...
WHOOSH
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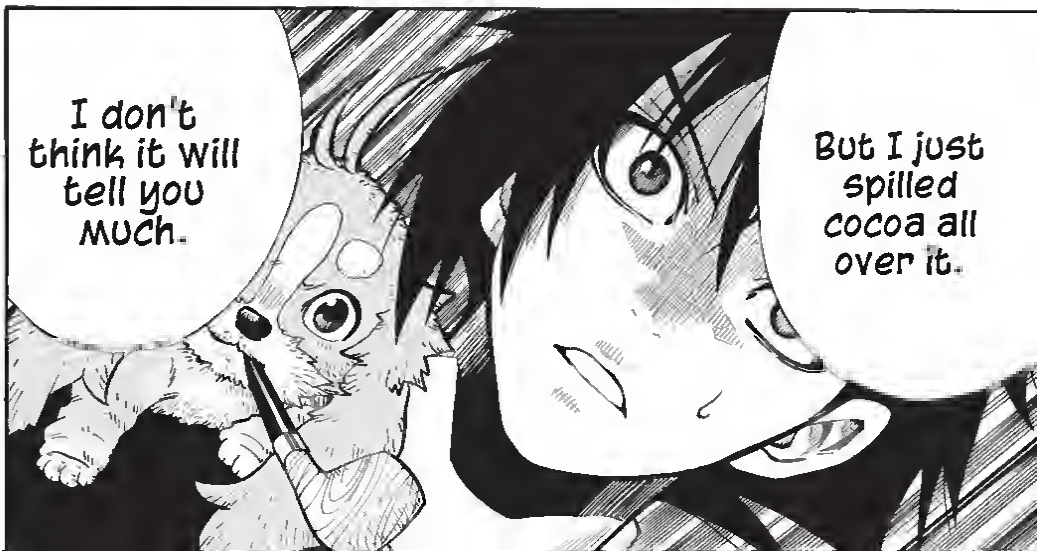
...Yes.
...You can see it.
CREAK
...

Hikaru Akaboshi:
The Chivalrous Detective


I don't think it will tell you much.
But I just spilled cocoa all over it.